Ministers visit to Rajasthan to ensure Implementation of Projects

†2452. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Minister of Programme Implementation paid any visit to Rajasthan during the last three years to ensure the implementation of various programmes of Government; if so, how many times; and the level of meetings he held there; whether any report has been prepared in that regard; and

(b) whether he inspected any site of programme, if so, the number of such sites?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS. (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) As per information available with the Programme Implementation Wing of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, the Minister of state incharge of Programme Implementation did not pay any visit to the State of Rajasthan for review of any programme or Central Sector project in the State during the last three years.

(b) The question does not arise.

NSSO's Report on Unemployment

2453. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) have recently published a report regarding unemployment situation in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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(c) whether the number of educated unemployed has been in the rise in the country;

(d) if so, the action thereof, State-wise; and

(e) the action proposed by Government to effectively check growing unemployment in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) have published a report in March, 1997 entitled "Employment and Unemployment in India, 1993-94" based on data collected in the 50th round survey on Employment -and Unemployment & Consumer Expenditure, conducted during July, 1993 to June, 1994. The Report contains Labour force participation patterns for India.

(c) The Unemployment rates worked out by the Planning Commission based on NSSO Survey results indicate that the educated unemployment rates has declined from 11.86% in 1987-88 (43rd round NSS) to 9.56% in 1993-94 (50th round NSS).

(d) and (e) Ninth Plan aims at bringing down the unemployment rate from 1.87% in the 8th Five Year Plan to 1.66% in the Ninth Plan and to a negligible level by the end of 10th Plan. The strategies for achieving the same include orientation of rural employment programmes towards rural infrastructure development programmes, incareasing productivity, accelerating replanting activities, rapid expansions in non-traditional areas, etc. in the plantation sector, integrated development of marine and land fishery, modernisation of textile sector, promotion of village industries, increasing employment potential in construction and services sector, promoting self employment in tiny and small units, etc.